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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 7277**

**BILL NUMBER:** HB 1415

**NOTE PREPARED:** Jan 13, 2013

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Ineligibility for TANF Assistance for Truancy.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Rep. Crouch

**BILL STATUS:** As Introduced

**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**FUNDS AFFECTED:**     **GENERAL**  
                              **DEDICATED**  
                              **FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** Pending

**Summary of Legislation:** This bill has the following provisions:

- (1) Provides that a recipient of Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) assistance or a dependent child who receives TANF assistance who has more than 10 unexcused absences during a school year is ineligible for TANF assistance until the recipient or child completes a semester of school in which the recipient or child does not have more than 10 unexcused absences.
- (2) Requires a recipient or a parent or essential person who receives TANF on behalf of a dependent child to provide the name of the school that the recipient or dependent child attends and consent to the release of school attendance records.
- (3) Requires: (a) the Division of Family Resources (DFR) to provide each public school and accredited nonpublic school in which a recipient or dependent child is enrolled with certain information; and (b) a school to notify the DFR upon the occurrence of certain events regarding the recipient or dependent child.
- (4) Requires a parent or essential person of a dependent child to attend a teacher conference concerning the child annually.
- (5) Provides that a dependent child is ineligible for TANF assistance until the beginning of the next school year if the parent or essential person fails to attend the teacher conference.
- (6) Removes and relocates provisions that: (a) require recipients of TANF assistance and dependent children who receive TANF assistance to attend school if they are subject to the compulsory education law; and (b) require the director of the DFR, in consultation with the Department of Education (DOE), to adopt rules to establish a definition for the term "unexcused absence".
- (7) Repeals provisions that: (a) provide that the TANF assistance of a recipient or dependent child is subject to revocation or suspension if the recipient or child has more than three unexcused absences from school; and

(b) allow the DFR to decide whether to require consent to the release of school attendance records as a condition of eligibility to receive TANF assistance.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2013.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** *As of the above date, the fiscal analysis of this bill has not been completed. Please contact the Office of Fiscal and Management Analysis for an update of this fiscal impact statement.*

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:**

**Local Agencies Affected:**

**Information Sources:**

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